

# LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE

MUST BE LEGIBLE – MAKE NO ERASURES, WHITEOUTS, OR OTHER ALTERATIONS  
USE DARK INK ONLY

STATE FILE NUMBER		LOCAL REGISTRATION NUMBER	
PARTY A'S PERSONAL DATA	1A. NAME OF PARTY A – FIRST		1B. MIDDLE
	1C. CURRENT LAST		1D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 1C)
	2. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/CCYY)	3. STATE/COUNTRY OF BIRTH	4. # PREV. MARRIAGES/ SRDP
	5A. LAST MARRIAGE/SRDP ENDED BY: <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DISSO <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT <input type="checkbox"/> TERM SRDP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		5B. DATE ENDED (MM/DD/CCYY)
	6. ADDRESS		7. CITY
	8. STATE/COUNTRY		9. ZIP CODE
PARTY B'S PERSONAL DATA	12A. NAME OF PARTY B – FIRST		12B. MIDDLE
	12C. CURRENT LAST		12D. LAST NAME AT BIRTH (IF DIFFERENT THAN 12C)
	13. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/CCYY)	14. STATE/COUNTRY OF BIRTH	15. # PREV. MARRIAGES/SRDP
	16A. LAST MARRIAGE/SRDP ENDED BY: <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> DISSO <input type="checkbox"/> ANNULMENT <input type="checkbox"/> TERM SRDP <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		16B. DATE ENDED (MM/DD/CCYY)
	17. ADDRESS		18. CITY
	19. STATE/COUNTRY		20. ZIP CODE
AFFIDAVIT	WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. WE FURTHER DECLARE THAT WE ARE PRESENTLY MARRIED TO EACH OTHER, THAT A CALIFORNIA MARRIAGE LICENSE WAS OBTAINED PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY, AND THAT THE CEREMONY OCCURRED IN CALIFORNIA. WE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY FAMILY CODE SECTION 358 AND HEREBY APPLY FOR A LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE.		
	23. SIGNATURE OF PARTY A		24. SIGNATURE OF PARTY B
LICENSE TO MARRY	I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE-NAMED PARTIES HAVE PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME AND PROVED TO ME ON THE BASIS OF SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE TO BE THE PERSONS CLAIMED, HAVE DECLARED THAT THEY MEET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW, AND HAVE PAID THE FEES PRESCRIBED BY LAW. THESE REQUIREMENTS HAVING BEEN MET, I HEREBY ISSUE THE LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE.		
	25A. ISSUE DATE (MM/DD/CCYY)	25B. EXPIRES AFTER (MM/DD/CCYY)	25C. NAME OF COUNTY CLERK
	25D. SIGNATURE OF CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK BY		25E. MARRIAGE LICENSE NUMBER
CERTIFICATION OF MARRIAGE	WE, THE ABOVE-NAMED PARTIES, DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THAT WE WERE JOINED IN MARRIAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS INDICATED BELOW.		
	26A. DATE OF MARRIAGE (MM/DD/CCYY)	26B. CITY/TOWN OF MARRIAGE	26C. COUNTY OF MARRIAGE
	27. SIGNATURE OF PARTY A		28. SIGNATURE OF PARTY B
WITNESSES TO THE MARRIAGE (TWO REQUIRED)	WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, THAT WE WERE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY OF THE ABOVE-NAMED PARTIES, THAT WE WITNESSED THE ABOVE-NAMED PERSONS COMPLETE THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY, THAT THE CEREMONY OCCURRED IN CALIFORNIA, AND THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.		
	29A. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS		29B. NAME OF PERSON WITNESSING MARRIAGE (TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)
	29C. ADDRESS, CITY, STATE/COUNTRY, AND ZIP CODE		
	30A. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS		30B. NAME OF PERSON WITNESSING MARRIAGE (TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY)
	30C. ADDRESS, CITY, STATE/COUNTRY, AND ZIP CODE		
	LOCAL REGISTRAR	31A. NAME OF LOCAL REGISTRAR	31B. SIGNATURE OF CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK BY

## INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

Refunds **CANNOT** be given after a marriage license is issued.

You will not be notified that your license has been registered. You do not automatically receive a certified copy. You must request and pay for a certified copy from the local registrar of marriages (County Recorder) in the county where the license was issued.

**SRDP = State Registered Domestic Partnership as registered with the Secretary of State. Pursuant to Family Code, Section 298.5(c), no person who has filed a Declaration of Domestic Partnership may enter a marriage with someone other than their registered domestic partner unless the most recent domestic partnership has been terminated or a final judgment of dissolution or nullity has been entered, or the domestic partnership terminated due to death of one of the domestic partners.**

### PURCHASE OF A LICENSE

All persons must purchase a License and Certificate of Declaration of Marriage from the County Clerk in the parties' county of residence in order to *declare* a California marriage which has been solemnized, but for which no official record exists (Family Code Section 425).

#### To Persons Declaring Their Marriage

The License and Certificate of Declaration of Marriage expires 90 days after date of issue in Item 25A and cannot be used after the "Expiration Date" shown in Item 25B. A declared marriage is a public record. If you are declaring a marriage that originally used a Confidential Marriage License, using this License and Certificate of Declaration of Marriage would then make it a public record.

1. Complete the marriage license using **DARK INK ONLY**.
2. Enter date and place of marriage in Items 26A, 26B, and 26C.
3. Sign your names in Items 27 and 28.
4. Have two witnesses to the marriage sign Items 29A and 30A and complete Items 29B, 29C, 30B and 30C.

The completed **LICENSE AND CERTIFICATE OF DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE** must be returned within **10 days** of completion by either of the parties declaring the marriage, to be registered by the local registrar of marriages (County Recorder) of the county where the license was issued at the address in box 25G. It can be mailed or delivered in person.

### PRIVACY NOTIFICATION

Civil Code Section 1798 et seq. requires each state agency to provide this notice to individuals completing this form. The information is being requested by: State of California, Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Records, MS 5103, P.O. Box 997410, Sacramento, CA 95899-7410, Telephone (916) 445-2684.

The information requested on this certificate is authorized and required by Division 102 of the Health and Safety Code, and related provisions within the Civil Code, Code of Civil Procedure, Family Code, and Government Code.

The completion of all items requested on this form is mandatory. Health and Safety Code Section 103775 provides that, "Every person, except a parent informant for a certificate of live birth, who is responsible for supplying information who refuses or fails to furnish correctly any information in his or her possession which is required by this division, or furnishes false information affecting any certificate or record required by this division, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

The principal purpose for this record is:

1. To establish a permanent record that is legally recognized as prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein for each marriage occurring in the State of California.
2. To provide individuals with certified copies from the records to serve their personal needs, such as securing passports and applying for social security or death benefits.
3. To provide information, to health authorities and other qualified persons with a valid education or scientific interest, for demographic and epidemiological studies for health and social purposes.
4. This information is also provided to the National Center for Health Statistics for compiling national statistical reports.

This record shall be open for examination during regularly scheduled office hours, except when access is specifically prohibited by statute or regulations.

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